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### TWO SENTENCED IN SAN ANTONIO LAW ENFORCEMENT CORRUPTION CASE

**(SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS)** This morning, a federal judge sentenced two former San Antonio Police Officers arrested and charged in connection with an undercover operation investigating official corruption.

United States District Judge Edward C. Prado sentenced 33-year-old **PETER SAENZ** to 42 months in federal prison for attempting to aid in the distribution of more than five kilograms of cocaine. Judge Prado also sentenced 29-year-old **ALFRED VALDES** to 3 years probation for Exceeding Authorized Computer Access.

Saenz—who pled guilty on January 3, 2002—admitted to being paid \$2,500 on two separate occasions—June 2000 and September 2000—to escort a vehicle transporting 75 kilograms of what he believed to be cocaine. Valdes—who pled guilty on May 10, 2002—admitted that on or about March 10, 2001, he met with a cooperating source working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the parking lot of a San Antonio hotel. During this meeting, Valdes was paid \$700.00 for using his SAPD Mobile Data Terminal computer (MDT) to access information concerning certain license plate numbers provided by the source. Valdes admitted that at the time he accessed the information, he exceeded his authorized access to the National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Saenz and Valdez were among twelve individuals arrested on March 22, 2001, by special agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and San Antonio Police officers in connection with an undercover investigation that focused on official corruption. Assistant United States Attorneys David Counts and Bill Baumann are prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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